RECOMMENDATIONS II.9: DISTRIBUTIONAL INFORMATION

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The IAG, in close collaboration with the G-20 economies, to encourage the production and dissemination of distributional information (such as information by income quintile), for the household sector. The OECD to coordinate the work in close cooperation with Eurostat and ECB.

Purpose of the recommendation

- Highly relevant issue from a policy perspective:
  - Inclusiveness of economic growth
  - Detection of risks and vulnerabilities at a lower level of aggregation

- Goal of this recommendation: To arrive at distributional information on income, consumption and wealth, consistent with national accounts

Distribution of income, consumption and wealth: micro-level

- OECD Expert Group on Micro statistics on Household Income, Consumption and Wealth (EG ICW)
  - Methodological work to improve the distributional information available from micro sources in the future, in particular on wealth
  - 17 NSOs, Luxembourg Wealth Study, UNECE, individual analysts, ECB, Eurostat
- OECD Guidelines on Household Wealth: www.oecd.org/statistics/guidelines-for-micro-statistics-on-household-wealth.htm
- Report on Integrated Framework for Income, Consumption and Wealth: www.oecd.org/statistics/ICW-Framework.htm

Distribution of income, consumption and wealth: macro-level

- OECD-Eurostat Expert Group to measure Disparities in a National Account framework (EG DNA)
  - Practical exercise – feasibility study on how to introduce distributional information from existing micro sources in national accounts
  - 25 NSOs, Luxembourg Income Study, ECB, Eurostat
- Comparison of micro and macro sources for household income (20 countries), consumption (21), and wealth (7)
- Experimental disparity indicators, consistent with national accounts for income, consumption and savings (16) http://www.oecd.org/std/publicationsdocuments/workingpapers/ (nrs. 52 and 53)
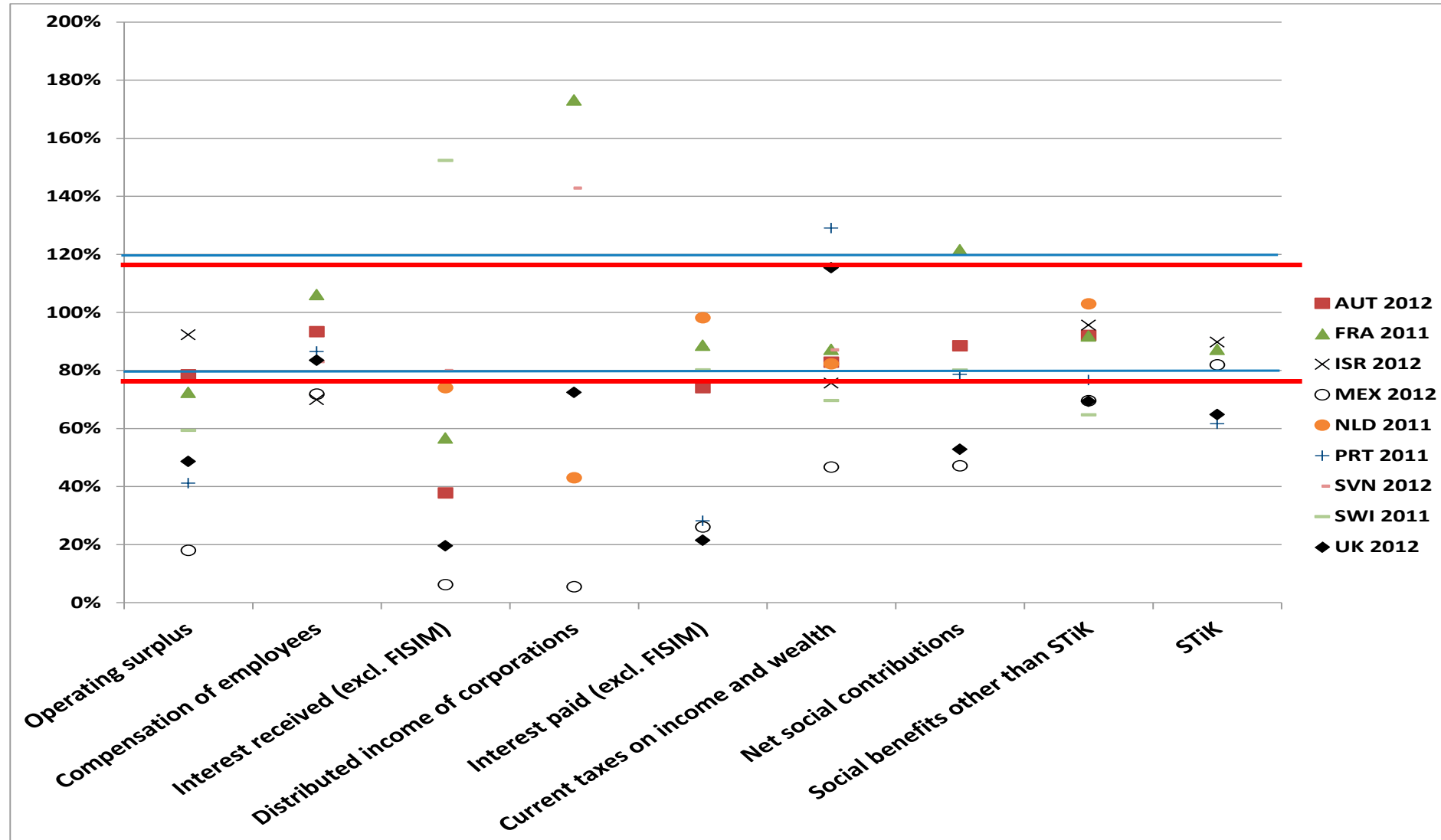
Distribution of income, consumption and wealth: follow-up

- OECD Expert Group on Distributional Information on Income, Consumption and Saving within the SNA (EG DNA)

- 22 NSOs, ECB, Eurostat

- Objectives:
  - Refine methodology on combining micro and macro sources, with focus on consistency of income and consumption
  - Compile data consistent with national accounts for a more recent year
  - Consider the possible development of a methodology to compile more timely estimates of levels and changes

- Meeting at May 28 – 29, 2015

- Collection results micro surveys on income and wealth

EG DNA: Main results

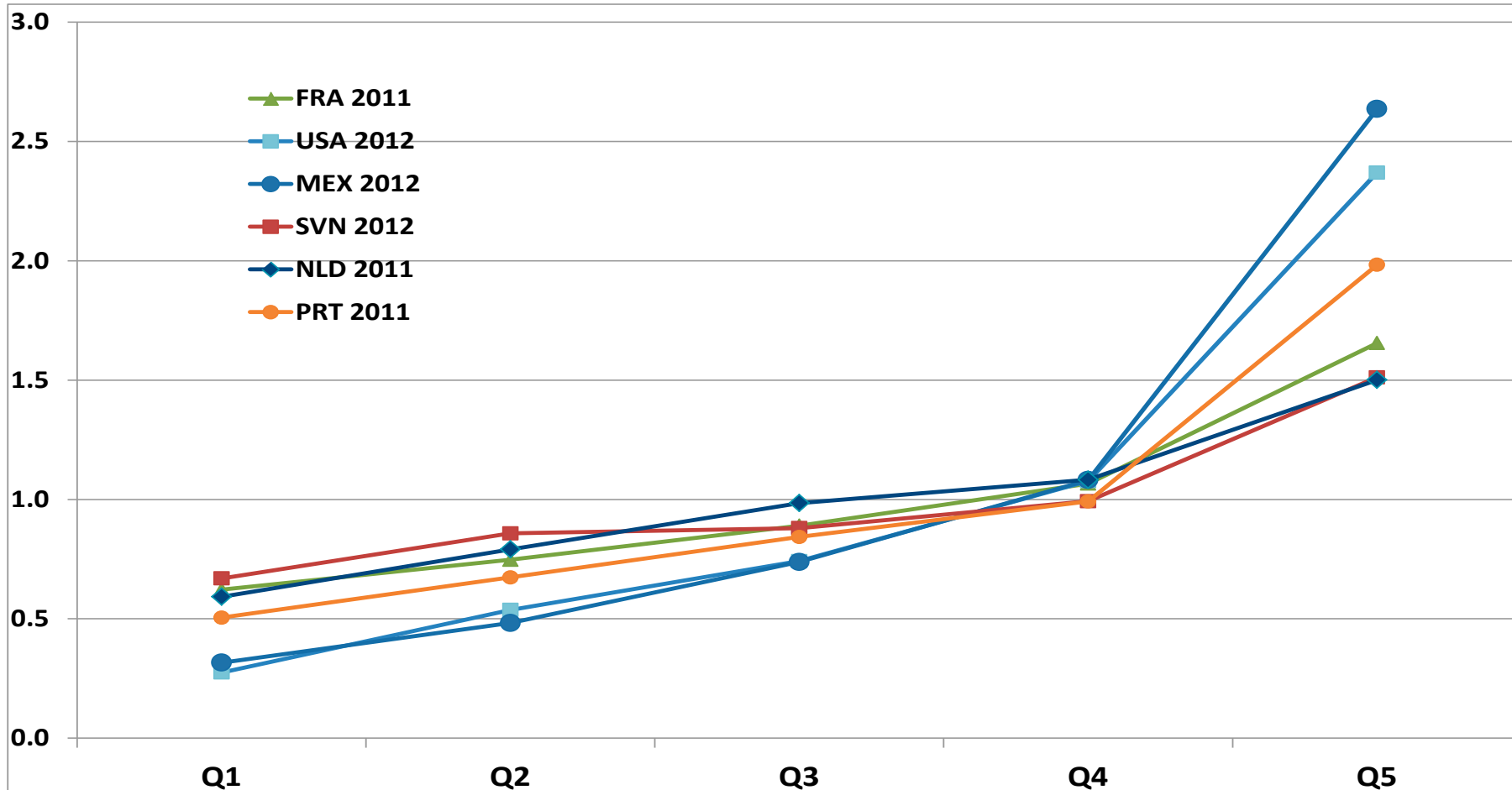**Coverage rates by country for the main income components[1]**

EG DNA: Main results

Relative position of each household group compared to the average, by Equivalized Disposable Income quintile

Adjusted disposable income per consumption unit for each group to the average adjusted disposable income per consumption unit in the country

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Various other work strands:

- ECB-context:
  - Household Finance and Consumption Survey (HFCS), consistent across Euro Area countries
  - First survey for 2010, to be repeated every 2-3 years
- Eurostat-context:
  - Major project: "GDP and beyond"
  - In first exercise: combining data from EU-SILC with national accounts
  - Further investigation for the income, consumption and wealth project at EU level, on the basis of harmonised macro-data and micro-data

Thank you for your attention!